

Capital Area Community Nursing Network Nursing Excellence Award 2012 Nominees

Kim Alexander, RN, BSN, MBA

Kim Alexander has promoted the neuroscience service line through business plan development and was an impetus to the stroke program in its earliest stages. With the continued development of this program, Sparrow is now considered a Primary Stroke Hospital. Nurse Alexander participated in the planning for Sparrow's bariatric program as well as leading her units to successful results in clinical quality, particularly Nursing Sensitive Indicators, Core Measures, and MHA Keystone initiatives. Under her leadership, the ICU has decreased restraint usage considerably. She led the way on these initiatives, which truly have had a positive impact on the health of the Mid-Michigan community. Lastly, she gives back to her community by participating in legislative day events through MONE and providing her services to local flu clinics.

Kim Alexander has spent her entire career with Sparrow Health System. She has been tireless in the pursuit of excellence in bedside nursing care, professional practice, clinical quality and patient satisfaction. Her dedication to the best outcome for the patient is evident in the number of successful patient safety initiatives she has overseen. Her footprints are clearly seen throughout Sparrow and will be visible for many years to come.

June Gillespie, RN, BSN

June Gillespie has been a role model for public health nursing for the last 20+ years. She has demonstrated compassion, leadership, and initiative as she has worked to increase access to care in our community and improve the health and well-being of our citizens. Nurse Gillespie has grown the Health Connections clinic from a small start-up operation to a fully functional clinic that has a staff of nine and provides services to over 1,500 residents each year.

Nurse Gillespie has made a career of providing quality public health services. She has always been committed to providing high quality services to our most vulnerable populations. She started her public health career working in the home health arena where her compassion was key. In time she became involved in other public health programs, demonstrating her high-level skills in nursing management and program implementation. For the last several years, she has worked diligently to improve access to quality health care for our community's uninsured population. She has excelled at developing and implementing more efficient ways to operate our public health nursing programs, challenging staff to become more technology astute. Nurse Gillespie is a strong nurse leader in our public health department and is known for her compassion, thoughtfulness, and organizational abilities.

Dilsey (Dede) Moseley, RN, MSN

Dede Mosely's professionalism, caring attitude, determination, and patient-centered focus exemplify the profession of nursing. Nurse Mosely has a calming demeanor that is reassuring and comforting. She is the nurse case manager for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) at the Ingham County Health Department. In this role, she helps women needing a diagnostic workup to navigate through our network of providers, providing support and encouragement. She assists women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer in applying for Medicaid and continues to work with them throughout their treatment.

Facing the possibility of cancer can be a frightening experience for women. Having a nurse to help navigate through the system, set up appointments, and provide encouragement is a valuable asset of the BCCCP. Nurse Moseley's expertise and individualized care are important parts of the Breast and Cervical Program. The women served by this program find her to be compassionate, knowledgeable, calming, dependable, and trustworthy. Her co-workers appreciate Nurse Mosely's dedication and professionalism.

Debra Nault, RN, MSN, CMN

Debra Nault has contributed to the profession of nursing through the compassionate education she gives to both nursing students and well-seasoned nurses. Her students at Michigan State University know that Deb will be by their side guiding them as they learn the necessary skills that they will need to become compassionate caregivers. And now Deb is assisting nurses statewide through her position as Associate Executive Director of Nursing Practice at Michigan Nurses Association. In addition to her employment, Deb has spent countless hours in service to her profession assisting numerous organizations and serving on numerous committees.

Her patients are blessed to have her; she is the nurse that goes the extra mile to provide the care that all would want to have. The babies that she assisted into this world were greeted by a nurse full of love and compassion. Her students have known someone who lives the profession and sets standards that exemplify excellence in the profession. Her co-workers and contemporaries want to be like her. Deb is a person of excellence in both her personal and professional life and gives passionately to all who come in contact with her.

Mary Alice Scoblic, RN, MSN

Nurse Mary Scoblic's most significant contribution to the profession of nursing has been during the transition of our Michigan Nurses Association to a union organization. She and several other nurses from the area identified a need for a professional organization for all nurses within Michigan. This small group met and developed the Registered Nurses Association in Michigan (RN-AIM). This group was started in 2008 and has grown to 950 members. She has worked in a variety of positions with a focus on children's health issues. She has been a manager of the Child Health Unit at the Michigan Department of Community Health, with supervisory responsibilities for many of the child health services provided across the state. She has been willing to take leadership roles, mentor others, and become involved when needed in developing a professional organization for all nurses within Michigan.

Mary has also been willing to serve on numerous other health-related boards to advocate for nurses, women and children. These include Michigan Public Health Association, Perinatal Association of Michigan, Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health, International Association of Infant Mental Health, and the American Lung Association to name a few.

Michelle Wiseman, RN, MPA, CHPN, NHA

Michelle Wiseman is an extraordinary Nurse Leader. Her career has been hallmarked by her support of nursing and her commitment to nursing education and advancement. Recently, she served as a lead in starting the Aspiring Nurse Leader Program to advance staff nurses into leadership roles. The program is now serving as a model for leaders across the system (beyond nursing) and connects closely with succession planning. In 1983, Nurse Wiseman started one of the best home hospice teams in Clinton County, meeting patients' and families' needs when all they had was hope and making the best of the time patients and families had remaining. Her dream became reality with the opening of Hospice House of Mid-Michigan in 1998, merging with multiple teams that now serve a seven-county area. Another one of her visions was to provide palliative care in the home with hospice nurses and social workers providing support.

Nurse Wiseman was an instrumental leader in the multi-organization development of "Making My Life Choices Heard," a document and process designed with the Capital Area Health Alliance to create uniformity throughout the community for advanced directives. The "Making My Life Choices Heard" process is in place at both Sparrow Health System and McLaren Greater Lansing for advanced directives and has drawn national attention for its ease of use. Nurse Wiseman supports the community through service in volunteering as a nurse and giving her time freely to support hospice patients and families. She is a person of high integrity. She has the gift of being able to engage others even when they don't initially see the importance of a project or job. She is a tenacious advocate for "doing the right thing" despite obvious barriers. Throughout the years, she has always celebrated accomplishments of individuals in her life – family, friends, staff and colleagues. She has worked hard for each of her employees to make them the best they can be, with encouragement and support. She praises her staff for all of their hard work, impressing upon them that she could not have accomplished anything without their passion and giving. Michelle Wiseman is an exemplary leader and supervisor who finds ways to give each person the encouragement and support they need in the good times and bad times. The Capital Area is most fortunate to have Michelle Wiseman as a nursing thought leader, a civic leader, and an inspiring supervisor, contributing to the health of our community.